

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>20 MARCH 2019</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE - SNOWDON MOUNTAIN RAILWAY - LLANBERIS STATION CAFÉ, GIFT SHOP AND TRADING POST</b>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<b>FOR DECISION</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT</b>

### **APPLICATION RECEIVED**

An application is attached for a premises licence for Snowdon Mountain Railway - Llanberis Station Café, Gift Shop and Trading Post, Llanberis LL55 4TY by Heritage Attractions Ltd.

The premises includes a café and shop with an outdoor seating area. The premises is the departure and arrivals point for Snowdon Heritage Railway.

The application is made in relation to the supply of alcohol on and off the premises, and playing recorded music indoors.

Officers from the Licensing Authority are satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that the application has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and the relevant regulations, and is therefore valid. Since representations relevant to the licensing objectives have been made on the application, it is submitted for the consideration of this Sub-committee.

See the attached table for details of the proposed hours.

<b>LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>PROPOSED LICENCE</b>
<b>Oriau Agor / Opening Hours:</b>	Dydd Llun/Monday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Mercher/Wednesday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Iau/Thursday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Gwener/Friday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Sul/Sunday 08:00-23:00
<b>Cerddoriaeth wedi'i Recordio/Recorded Music</b> Dan Do/Indoors	Dydd Llun/Monday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Mercher/Wednesday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Iau/Thursday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Gwener/Friday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Sul/Sunday 08:00-23:00
<b>Cyflenwi Alcohol/Supply of Alcohol</b> Ar ac Oddi ar yr Eiddo/On and Off Premises	Dydd Llun/Monday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Mercher/Wednesday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Iau/Thursday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Gwener/Friday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday 08:00-23:00 Dydd Sul/Sunday 08:00-23:00

## **Measures recommended by the applicant to promote the licensing objectives**

The measures recommended by the applicant include the following -

- Training for staff on the requirements of the licence and the importance of ensuring that alcohol is not sold to under 18 year olds or to customers who are drunk.
- Awareness training on how to prevent the sale and use of illegal drugs.
- It is intended for a 'Challenge 25' policy to be implemented.
- A closed circuit television system will be in operation.
- Signs asking customers to respect nearby residents, and not to convene outside the premises making noise.
- Avoid moving bins and rubbish around the outside of the premises after 23:00, or times likely to cause nuisance to nearby residents.

Full details of the recommended measures can be found in section **M** of the application.

## **CONSULTATION**

A consultation was undertaken on the application and the following responses were received -

<b>RESPONSES</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIONS</b>
Fire and Rescue Service	No observations
North Wales Police	No observations
Local member	E-mail – no objection
Neighbouring Residents	Three letters of objection

### **Objection - local residents**

Three letters have been received objecting to the application due to concerns that the proposed licensed activities will undermine the Licensing objectives of

- Ensuring public safety
- Preventing public nuisance

The residents who have expressed an objection live very close to the premises; and they are concerned that approving the sale of alcohol from the premises known as the Trading Post from 8:00 in the morning until 23:00 at night will lead to an increased use of the premises, with risks to public safety increasing as more people will convene in front of / visit the Trading Post.

There is only a small parcel of land in front of the Trading Post (see the photograph attached with the objectors' letters), and there are concerns that risks to safety will increase due to the busy road. It was also stated that the right to play recorded music on a daily basis in the Trading Post premises until 23:00 would be likely to lead to noise problems for nearby residents.

### **Mediation meeting 20 February 2019**

The objectors' concerns were considered to be valid; and the objectors were offered an opportunity to discuss their concerns with the applicant at a mediation meeting.

Guidance on section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 encourages the use of mediation meetings between responders and an applicant where there is hope of reaching a compromise that satisfies the objecting parties. Occasionally, such meetings can give the applicant an opportunity to expand on

the proposal of the application; and expand upon the precautions intended to take to alleviate the concerns of objectors.

A mediation meeting was held, with officers from the Licensing Unit in attendance, on 20 February 2019.

As a result of the meeting, the applicant agreed to compromise and propose changes and accept conditions on the application as follows -

- a) It was agreed to restrict the hours of alcohol sales at the Trading Post from 09:00 to 18:00.
- b) It was agreed to only sell 'specialist' bottles of beer and spirits at the Trading Post.
- c) It was agreed to sell alcohol for consumption off the Trading Post premises only.
- d) No recorded music to be played from the Trading Post or the Car Park at any time.
- e) Hours of licensed activities and proposed conditions to remain the same as the original application for the Llanberis Station Café and gift shop.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

As the objectors and the applicant have already agreed to the changes noted , it is recommended that this Committee approve the application - in accordance with what was agreed at the mediation meeting; and in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.